

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL
DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME AND THE PROVISION
OF DISABILITY SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Dear Ms Main

Implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the provision of disability services in New South Wales

Partial confidentiality is requested for this letter please.

While I wanted to add my voice and story to the discussion about the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the provision of disability services in New South Wales, I am unable to do so.

Since 3 August when I first heard about the inquiry I have busily written notes, looked up academic papers and spent hours at the computer attempting to write a cogent submission. Sadly, in the time available it is beyond my abilities.

I would just say in response to your first term(s) of reference:

(a) implementation and success or otherwise in providing choice and control

If I truly had choice as an NDIS participant I would choose to be connected to a communication network, to find out about the inquiry as soon as possible. Then, if I had control, I would marshal assistance to help organise my thoughts and develop a contributive submission.

To have a voice, make a contribution, participate.

Please remember those of us who cannot make a clear presentation. All that comes before you for consideration, stems from those with adequate resources, while the majority of people with disability have limited access to such means.

With regard to recommendations please consider options for contribution and participation of consumers at higher levels of NDIA policy making. In-house service provider surveys are not adequate feedback from consumers, for such a large and complex operation as the NDIS.

Thanks to the Portfolio Committee and staff for your work and attention. Your considered opinion to the terms of reference is greatly appreciated.

NDIS participant